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**COMMISSIONERS PASS RESOLUTION TO FUND
OAKHURST KNOLLS MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROJECT**

The Franklin County Commissioners gave the green light this morning to the County's Sanitary Engineer to perform rehabilitation work on some 38 manholes in the Oakhurst Knolls subdivision in Pleasant Township.

The contractor on this project will be Lake County Sewer Company of Willowick, Ohio. Funding for this project is \$73,654.90. The project contractor will realign, raise and rehabilitate the manholes within the subdivision to preclude storm water runoff from entering the sanitary sewer system.

Commenting of this morning's resolution, Commissioner Dewey R. Stokes said, "Over the past two years, our Sanitary Engineer has made some significant changes in the operation of the Oakhurst Knolls wastewater treatment plant that have improved the operations of that facility. In addition to those changes, our Sanitary Engineer undertook an investigation which included videotaping the collection system and doing flow monitoring testing that resulted in the elimination of several illegal sump pump connections and three storm water connections into the sanitary collection system. All these actions have reduced the storm water runoff into our sewer collection system."

Commissioner Stokes went on to say that the passage of today's resolution demonstrates the Board's continuing commitment to protecting and preserving the future health of the Big Darby and the Hellbranch Run watershed located in western Franklin County.

Work on this project will commence next week with completion slated for mid-September.

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